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Real Men READ-y



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No More Super-Heroes, Please

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

... Minority groups must predicate their survival on strategy, even as majorities predicate theirs on strength.

- Gordon Blaine Hancock, Minister and Sociologist



"Thrust into leadership under the most tragic of circumstances," as Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson's video begins, situated her campaign message squarely on the difficult challenges of everyday life like work, safety and trying to take care of the people around us and that we love.

The message, in that sense, positioned her as the perfect foil to the former mayors, Michael Bell and Carty Finkbeiner, who up to that point were seen as the main characters in the 2015 election to serve the final two years of the late Mayor D. Michael Collins' term.

The overall strategy, termed by many as "the most sophisticated political operation that this city has ever seen," maximally utilized a resourceful Ohio Democratic Party machine to back the mayor with a strong ground game, television ads, and a large volunteer base to highlight the need for "level-headed" leadership for Toledo's current situation and for the future.

The game plan was enough to soundly defeat a re-invented Bell and Finkbeiner, the "consummate politician."

Aimed at Carty's perceived past erratic behavior in staff relations and Bell's stigma of arrogance and confrontation related to his past position on the anti-labor Senate Bill 5, Hicks-Hudson's message, essentially said, "I have passion, but I don't need to be erratic. I provide cool, calm, consistent leadership by moving patiently, carefully and incrementally." More than anything else, the message went to the core of her character and ultimately resonated with the voters, a large number of whom were undecided until the last minute.

While critics previously complained about Hicks-Hudson's early administrative deliberateness and perceived slowness to take a public stance on controversial political issues, it is now clear that she was savvy enough to first buy enough time to "get the lay of the land," to gauge her true support and to learn whom to trust while navigating around political minefields in the transition from 22nd Floor outsider to insider and from councilperson to mayor.

What has also been revealed is that, by shifting the focus from herself and onto the everyday issues of ordinary people rather than preaching, moralizing and making the campaign "all about the candidate" is what people today want and need most.

Tragic circumstances like the death of the previous mayor, a tainted water supply, and the potential loss of a major employer such as Fiat Chrysler, requires quiet leadership that addresses "realistic responses to important human problems" and not the profiling of oneself as a strong

"super-hero."

It appears that while Hicks-Hudson's more celebrated "hardline" opponents were barking and howling at the moon, Toledo's citizens desired a mayor whom they know, whether working quietly behind the scenes or using the art of compromise, will address the concerns and issues in front of their homes, on their street, in their block and in their neighborhood.

Finally, Hicks-Hudson's overwhelming election has demonstrated that responsible leadership does not have to be loud or aggressive. Neither does it have to be charismatic, but it does have to address the everyday concerns of ordinary people.

For, we don't want another super-hero. A leader who addresses practical, everyday problems suits us just fine.

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Community Calendar

November 13-15

Indiana Avenue MBC Annual Men's Day Weekend: "Instructions for Victorious Living in Christ;" Friday – noon to 5 pm – Men and children clothing give-away; rib, chicken and turkey dinners; Saturday – 9 to noon – Fellowship breakfast, door prizes, financial workshop; Sunday – 9:30 – men's Sunday School, 10:45 – Men's Day Service (Guest speaker Jerry Jones of Cornerstone), 5 pm – Men's Day Musical: 419-244-7378 or 419-290-2501

November 14

Pilgrim Church's "Sweaters, Soups, Sweets & Santa:" 10 am to 2 pm; Shop the clothing, Have a bowl of soup, Enjoy sweet treats
Calvary Baptist Women's Ministry Cancer Awareness Day: 11 am; Vendors and health professionals discuss cancer prevention and treatment
United Church of God Annual Women's Lunch: 11 am to 1 pm; Guest speaker Darla Pratt; Poetry by Veltreshia Reid: 419-810-6335

November 15

True Vine MBC Women's Day Celebration: 10:45 am service; "We choose an attitude of Joy;" Speaker Sis Thelma Autman of Shiloh Baptist: 419-539-9104

November 16

Junction Coalition Community Meeting: 6 pm; Frederick Douglass Community Association

November 21

St. Paul MBC Health Fair and Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away: 10 am to noon; Flu shots and other exams: 419-246-2886

November 24

Free Community Workshop: "Road to Recovery;" Navigating the potholes of mortgage default, foreclosure and predatory lending; 6 to 8 pm; NODA office at 432 N. Superior; Repairing credit, creating a savings and spending plan, assistance programs, repayment plans: 419-243-3734

November 25

Ebenezer MBC Free Annual Need to Feed Thanksgiving Dinner: Noon to 2 pm: 419-729-1466

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Boo Hoo for Ben Carson...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Let's all bring out the crying towels for Baby Ben Carson. The putative front runner for the Republican Party nomination for president is having a public snit over what he considers to be a witch-hunt about his past life.

Oh, Ben Carson is now "fired up" with righteous indignation that the vast "left wing media conspiracy" is out to tag him with discrepancies and outright falsehoods about his celebrated past life as an inner-city kid beating the ravages of the ghetto and rising to the top in his medical field.

Baby Ben, in his parallel universe of what is and what is not a topic for media scrutiny, thought that such a Wow! tale of his personal story would so enamor people that they would be so dazzled with him that they would leave common sense or investigative journalism on the side of the road as he marches onward to the White House.

Poor Baby Ben! He was so gullible in thinking that somehow because he is the current darling of certain portions of the Republican Party that he gets a home-free ticket and can simply smile his way to the Republican Party nomination.

Baby Ben's campaign advisors seemingly are also in la-la land because it appears that they have not toughened up the famed neurosurgeon to fight the fight against what he considers to be a left-wing bias against him by the national media.

From the onset, when Baby Ben started his campaign, as fueled by segments that were rah-rahing his mercurial rise in the polls, Ben assumed that all was well and it was just a matter of time before he would win over everyone's heart with his self-deprecating humor and soft-spoken style.

When Baby Ben started to hit the buzz saw of questions about his story that he volunteered to produce in two books and through various interviews and campaign messages, he got a little ruffled under his feathers and, for a moment, he deserted his soft-spoken approach and started waving his hands and raising his voice!

What's wrong, Baby Ben? Can't take the political heat?

Memo to Ben Carson: If you wanna be considered as a serious contender for the highest office in the land, you better develop a thick skin and understand that such vetting, even if you detest it and think it is applied unfairly to you, is part and parcel of the process.

Could it be better? Sure, and so should be a host of other things in this society that are out of whack...but. But, that is not up for reform at this time. What is in place is a media that loves controversy and what they love even more is being able to catch a politico with a forked tongue or with his hands in the public cookie jar or jumping from bed to bed with a person not his or her spouse.

Ben's made a lot of comments about his growing up in the mean streets of Detroit and recent statements about the pyramids being locales for the storage of grain and that were built by the Bible character named Joseph.

A cursory glance of history would put to rest both of those allegations but not for Baby Ben because he continues to stand by it.

Vetting a politico's recollection of history and his worldview says a lot about his ability to process facts and to spit out the chaff from the wheat and, to date, Ben is not going a good job of spitting.

As a newbie in this political dance, Ben has two left feet and does not hear the music very well. Unlike Donald Trump, who is a master at media manipulation and is a veteran of what it takes to feed and train the media, Ben Baby is out of his element.

He will need to regroup and reformulate his media approach (consider even changing his front man Armstrong Williams to a more seasoned media consultant?) so that when the media hounds come barking...and they will, Ben will not be seen as a deer caught in the headlights.

Memo to Ben: If you volunteer pivotal life situations that caused a sea change in your life and approach to living, examining those fact patterns is fair game for anyone, much less the media.

What is irresponsible for Ben or any other politico is that when he gets caught short on an answer, he wants to default by blaming the media for a witch-hunt or for singling him out for special treatment.

Ben Carson loves the media when they give him softball questions or when they gush all over him about his amazing life story but when that same media is no longer the darling because they start to poke holes in your offered story, the love is gone and both sides start to bristle at each other.

Why in the world would anyone equate being a famed neurosurgeon with the ability to be president of the United States?

The same question goes for any politico who believes that success in one area of life automatically means that those same skill sets are transferrable to another endeavor.

Not necessarily so.

My being a lawyer does not axiomatically mean that I am qualified to be civil engineer or a welder or a principal of a school or a stockbroker. Some skills are not transferrable regardless of your high opinion of yourself and your "can do!" attitude.

Baby Ben likes to say that running the country as president is not brain surgery and he thus tries to downplay the aptitude and skills needed to be the chief executive of the American government.

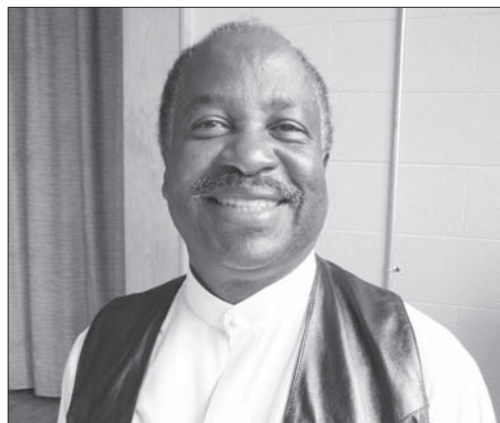
I know...I know...there were others who were not qualified to become president based upon their prior backgrounds and they won that coveted slot but remember, those persons did not carp and complain when they got hammered with "gotcha!" questions.

They took the hit and kept on moving and not whining about being a victim as what now appears to be Baby Ben's defense shield for any incoming barbs that attack his veracity or recollection.

Do I feel sorry for Baby Ben and his predicament? Answer: Do snakes have hips?

Do chickens have lips?

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The Area Office on Aging's eighth annual Caregiver Expo on Saturday, November 14 at Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee will connect a family member who is caring for a loved one with resources to help them care for their love one. The event goes from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The average family caregiver provides 20 hours per week on unpaid caregiving activities and spends over \$5,000 per year on out of pocket caregiving expenses for their aging loved one. While the emotional, physical and financial stress of the family caregiver role is undeniable, the good news is that the Area Office on Aging has gathered together the best resources and speakers to be able to support these family caregivers so they can care longer.

This selfless work of caring for a loved one can be extremely stressful and can eventually take a toll on the health of the family caregiver, if the caregiver does not make a conscious effort to take care of themselves. The event will connect caregivers with information, services and products that can provide them with a temporary break from their caregiving role to help allevi-

ate some of the caregiving stress and help them remain in their caregiving role longer.

The event will feature about 70 organizations that provide products, services and information to help family caregivers as well as nationally renowned speakers. Barbara McVicker is a professional eldercare expert speaker focusing on financial, emotional and physical stress of caregiving. Also, bringing his offbeat blend of humor and practical advice will be northwest Ohio native Jeff Yeager speaking on the topic of "Men Are Caregivers Too."

If you are caring for a loved one and would like additional information on the Area Office on Aging Caregiver Support Program, please contact us at www.areaofficeonaging.com, 419.382.0624 or 1.800.472.7277



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Kelly Westmoreland: Insurance Agent, Community Volunteer, Political Operative, Emerging Leader

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Every year, the African American Legacy Project selects a handful of people who have spent decades contributing to the community in a variety of ways. These chosen few are honored as "legends."

More recently, the AALC has taken a look at those who are perhaps just starting on their paths of community involvement. These are the area's "emerging leaders," to use the vernacular of the AALC.

Kelly Westmoreland is one of those emerging leaders the AALC honored this fall.

An insurance agent with Bankers Life for the past three years, Westmoreland has established a solid career in the financial services industry having worked as a loan officer with White and Associates and with Rockwell Mortgage and as a customer service representative with Fifth Third Bank.

Over the last several years, however, Westmoreland has become increasingly involved in community life outside of the workplace. Her mother is a long-time grass roots political worker. When she became sick several years ago, Westmoreland was asked by long-time Democratic Party political operative George Hillard to take her place for a while. That commitment evolved into more than a mere stop gap measure.

Her insurance career often brought Westmoreland into meetings with UAW members to talk about life insurance and various benefits. Those sessions brought her in contact with the newly-installed leadership of the Toledo Branch NAACP, President Ray Wood.

Wood, also a vice president of the UAW, asked Westmoreland to join the civil rights organization and as a result of her service, she is now an executive committee member in waiting.

As she puts it, all of those activities collided when Robert Smith, founder and executive director of the African American Legacy Project, approached her about the emerging leader honor.

"It's a huge responsibility," she says relishing the opportunity that acknowledgment provides. "Now eyes are on you to do even more in the community."

And for her, doing more means working within the groups she belongs to advance the cause of racial equality and "doing more positive things for young adults – they don't have good mentorship currently," she says. "I've extended myself out to be a positive role model, and to be a lady."

Westmoreland, a Toledo native and Devilbiss graduate, has a lot on her plate. In addition to career and outside activities, she is working on completing her undergraduate



Kelly Westmoreland

degree from Davenport University.

What will the next 10 years bring for this emerging leader?

Remaining here in Toledo is a priority, to be sure.

She also intends to continue making progress in her financial career and moving forward with her behind-the-scenes work in the political world.

"Doing anything I can to help the community," she offers.

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Real Men READ-y Set to Launch in Four Toledo Public Schools!

Early literacy volunteer program for African American boys

Helping TPS teachers to close the educational divide – Outcomes released ...

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What started as a pilot initiative in 2012 to help create young readers among African-American boys in kindergarten, has exploded into one of the most requested and expanded early literacy programs in Toledo. The program is set to get underway the week of November 16 at four Toledo Public Schools (TPS) – Pickett Academy, Robinson, Rosa Parks and Levette elementary schools.

Real Men READ-y is a program founded by the African American Leadership Council (AALC) of United Way and its partner, Read For Literacy (RFL). The program recruits, trains and places African-American adult male volunteers (MENTors) inside select Toledo Public Schools to conduct one-on-one reading sessions two to three times per week with at-risk African-American kindergarten and first-grade boys. Since its inception, the program has taken surveys and measured the results of its impact.

To share details about this impactful program, please join Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Romules Durant, Ed.D., a trained volunteer of the Real Men READ-y program, along with AALC and RFL officials at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 16 at Pickett Academy, 1144 Blum St., to help announce the expansion of the program at four TPS schools for this 2015-2016 school year.

"Real Men READ-y is more than just about reading, it's a powerful tool for role modeling and mentorship that leaves life-altering mental images of the word 'men'," said Durant.

Additional news conference speakers include: Rhonda Sewell, Governmental Affairs and Media Strategist for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; Co-Chairmen of AALC's Joint Council Jeanette Hrovatich, RFL executive director, and Craig Teamer, AALC Strategic Partnerships chairman. Also attending the news conference will be RMR volunteers, and Durant has invited several African-American male community leaders – the same individuals whom he called upon to greet male students on their first day of school at Martin Luther King Academy.

In the highly publicized first day of school event, African-American male leaders shook the hands of all of the students as they entered school to instill pride, bust myths and encourage determination and success. Durant said he hopes that many of these men will volunteer as MENTors in the RMR program.



Measured outcomes of the highly successful and growing program will also be released during the news conference, which will highlight last year's successes, along with current expansion plans and goals. For example, the program has grown from 20 volunteers in three TPS schools last year (2014-2015 school year), to more than 60 in four TPS schools for this current school year. More measured outcomes will be revealed during the news conference.

Real Men READ-y utilizes the dialogic method of reading, taught to volunteers by RFL staff, which emphasizes the adult helping the child to become the teller of the story through interactive and participatory methods. Here, the adult becomes the listener, the questioner and the audience for the child.

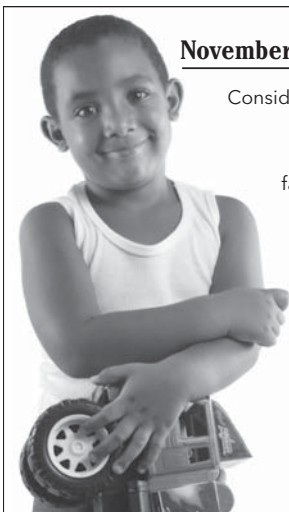
"This program was modeled after an existing program in Chicago. Our local program differs due to its intention to focus solely on African-American boys in an early literacy setting. It's a bold effort to call upon black male role models, those working, retired and students, in the community to assist the school system with creating a love of reading along with pride in self, through interacting with positive adult males in their own image," said Sewell, AALC co-chairman.

"The early literacy rates are alarming for at least one-third of all children in the state of Ohio, but the data for African American males is extremely detrimental. This is unacceptable. That's why AALC of United Way and Read For Literacy, with TPS's assistance and that of the dedicated men in our community, are here to close that gap and help our boys succeed in reading, in manhood and in life," she added.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Faith Hairston, Kent Branch Library manager, also an AALC Joint Council member, also assists with the program. Her staff, RFL officials, and community partners join together to select culturally relevant books so that Real Men READ-y Mentors and youth can view themselves in the storylines, characters, images and context of the books used in the program.

AALC is an affinity group of the local United Way, whose mission is to improve the lives of African Americans (with a focus on African-American males) in the categories of education, income, and health. To successfully institute Real Men READ-y at select Toledo Public Schools, AALC joined forces during its program inception, with Read for Literacy (RFL), whose organizational mission provides literacy services and training to children, adults, and families. Real Men READ-y is the signature program of AALC of United Way.

For more information on the Real Men READ-y program, please call Read For Literacy at 419.242.7323/419.242.7323 or United Way of Greater Toledo at 419.254.4777/419.254.4777.



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The St. Francis de Sales basketball team will be playing against St. Marcellinus on November 21, 2015 at 5 p.m. and proceeds will be donated to the *1 Day Better* program. *1 Day Better* helps make communities safer by leading the youth in a brighter direction, by way of fighting bad decision making, drug abuse and gang violence.

1 Day Better helps support young men and women dealing with negative situations and provides at risk youth with spiritual guid-

ance, leadership and educational training. *1 Day Better* also helps community youth with events such as shoe drives, toy drives, parents empowerment brunch and much more.

Event times are as follows: 2 p.m. – JV vs. Freshman Inter-squad scrimmage; 3:30 p.m. – Athletic Alumni Basketball Game; 5 p.m. – Foundation Game – St. Francis vs. St. Marcellinus (Mississauga, Ontario)

PRIZM Creative Community and Way Public Library Announce “No Mic Night,” Author Support Group

Special to The Truth

“No Mic Night”, the author support group co-sponsored by The Way Public Library and PRIZM Creative Community will meet on Thursday Nov. the 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the Way Library, 101 E. Indiana Ave. in Perrysburg. Guest facilitator for the meeting will be author Jean Ann Geist.

As a lifelong writer inspired by years on the staff of BGSU’s renowned Browne Popular Culture Library, four years ago Jean Ann Geist began a quest – to create a world of characters, plant them in the fertile fields of

Northwest Ohio, and nurture them into the award winning novel of romantic intrigue, *Only in the Movies*.

Her recent book, *Only on the Radio*, expands this world, bringing back old friends and introducing new acquaintances with their own stories to tell.

Only in the Movies was first place winner of book-length fiction in The Ohio Professional Writers Communication Contest. *Only on the Radio* is

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The service program at the Ronald McDonald House was provided by the Environmental Ownership committee which led the collection of aluminum pull tabs to be recycled. Under the Environmental Ownership Target's Acts of Green Program, the focus is to promote environmental sustainability by encouraging recycling, litter prevention and waste management through daily green efforts in local communities.

Over 15 pounds or approximately over 20,000 pull tabs were collected by sorority members and donated to The Ronald McDonald House. The members who participated in this service project found the day very humbling and enlightening. The Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio is a home away from home for families with children at the Toledo Hospital. Families can eat, sleep, shower or watch TV and at no cost.

The money received from the recycled pull tabs supports their yearly food budget and daily expenses. The Ronald McDonald House is 100 percent donor funded and services 500 families per month through daily and extended stays.

Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter members present included; Katina Johnson, president; Margaret Huntley, vice president; Morgannia Dawson, committee chairman and the following committee members: Mary Dawson, Donnetta Carter, Frances Collins, Debra Fulton, Karen Glover, Patricia Hogue, Desiree McGee, Brunetta O'Neal, Theo Simmons-Hampton and Pamela Wilson and Sierra Odums from the Alpha Lambda Chapter, University of Toledo.

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available at select area book and gift shops and via www.JeanAnnGeist.com.

Geist will begin the evening by sharing tidbits about her love for writing, and her personal experiences with the world of publishing. The bulk of the evening will be spent on peer review, where participants can share in progress work. Attendees who choose to share work for peer review should bring 12+ copies to share, and can expect to receive inspiration, motivation, and useful feedback within an informal atmosphere. One need not share a manuscript in order to attend and learn from these informative meetings. Please

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NANBPWC Delivers School Supplies to Keyser Elementary

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The members of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., (NANBPWC) - Toledo Club's Education Committee believe that every child should not be left behind and that educational assistance is a must in helping students focus on classes.

If a student does not have the educational tools to work with, then many opportunities to learn will be missed. Therefore the NANBPWC, Inc Toledo Club Education Committee delivered school supplies to the students of Keyser Elementary School on Monday, October 26, 2015.

The Education Committee is devoted to implementing an array of activities to help students achieve in many ways such as weekly tutorials, scholarships, providing etiquette classes and so much more. Denise Cardwell has also helped teach etiquette classes to students at Stewart Academy for Girls, Cotillion Débutantes, Deb's in Waiting as well as many others.

Clara Brank, educational chairman, and committee members hold weekly tutorial sessions for the second grade students each Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at Keyser Elementary School. The NANBPWC, Inc. Education Committee networks with members of Phi Delta Kappa. The focus is on math and reading which is part of the "STEMS" and STREAMS programs. The committee has also collected belts to donate each year to elementary boys to prevent them from having sagging pants.

Weekly rehearsals for the club's major scholarship

program, the Debutantes Cotillion Ball. Rehearsals are also held at Keyser Elementary School each Wednesday from February until May. The members extended thanks to TPS and to Principal Natasha Allen for support-

ing the NANBPWC, INC.-Toledo Club. Wilma Brown is the scholarship chairman.

Allen said: "We appreciate the support of NAN-

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(Pictured left to right.)

Donna Todd Health, chairman; Frances Collins, second vice president & Toledo Youth Club Advisor; Clara Brank, education chairman; Natasha Allen -Keyser Elementary School principal; Denise Black-Poon, Toledo Club president; Delores (Dee) Bates, Denise Cardwell, etiquette chairman, Barbara Tucker, former NCD governor.

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Libraries Transform Communities

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Governmental Affairs and Media Strategist

The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is participating in a recently launched "Libraries Transform" campaign, a public awareness effort that will highlight the transformative nature of the nation's libraries and elevate the critical role libraries play in the digital age.

When it comes to helping customers succeed, our system plays a critical role in being the great leveler of privilege. When you walk through our doors, we are open to all! We help our customers to live, learn, grow and succeed. But, not everyone is aware of the multi-faceted offerings of their public library. We offer FREE programs and assistance that can and have changed people's lives for the better.

This "Libraries Transform" campaign was launched recently by Sari Feldman, newly elected American Library Association President, and also director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library. TLCPL Director Clyde Scoles and other directors, administration, boards, and staff are helping to spread the message to users across the country.

The campaign points out the rapid advances in technology which are helping to fuel a library renaissance. No longer just places for books, libraries such as the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, now offer an assortment of free digitally-based programs and services including 3-D printing, eBooks, digital recording studios, Maker Spaces, and technology training.

Such tech-based resources are transforming lives through digital literacy and lifelong learning, contributing to education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement, and empowerment. Yet, libraries are often overlooked as catalysts for powerful individual and community change.

"Our system is proud to engage in this most timely "Libraries Transform" campaign. Sari Feldman's vision of demonstrating how libraries have dramatically converted people's lives for the better is brilliant. It's time for public libraries to be bold in our enthusiasm and extremely proud of how we impact our customers and help them to succeed in life," said Scoles. "The stories of transformation right here in Lucas County are powerful and endless. We've impacted individuals, families, the elderly, students, small business owners, the underserved, and so many others on such a *transformational* and epic

scale. This will long be our legacy, a system that has been *transforming* lives for more than 175 years."

As part of the Libraries Transform launch, Feldman will tour some of the many transformative libraries in our nation, and join Smithsonian library staff for a tour of the museum's Fantastic Worlds exhibit.

"Today's libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people," said Feldman. "The goal of the Libraries Transform campaign is to change the perception that 'libraries are just quiet places to do research, find a book, and read' to a shared understanding of libraries as dynamic centers for learning in the digital age. Libraries of all kinds foster individual opportunity that ultimately drives the success of our communities and our nation."

For more information about Libraries Transform please visit <http://www.librariestransform.org>. Follow #LibrariesTransform on Twitter.

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BPWC and the donations of school supplies for our students" Principle Allen says Keyser is committed to academic excellent.

The staff, Keyser family and students work hard toward focusing on educational, personal and social goals. Parents are strongly encouraged to become involved in the school. When parents attend school, they demonstrate to children that they value school and education. Attending events such as open house, math nights, parent teacher conferences and PTO meetings are all important ways in which parents learn about what goes on in school.

Volunteers (like NANBPWC) are important examples of shared responsibilities. There are innumerable opportunities for volunteers, whether it's the classrooms, participating in PTO activities, helping in the library or by chaperoning field trip.

Parents can also learn about these opportunities through school newsletters, PTO and fliers.

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St. John's Jesuit Open House Nov. 15, Noon to 3 p.m., Grades 6-12

Special to The Truth

Over 10,000 St. John's Jesuit High School (SJJ) graduates have experienced opportunities that have changed their lives and defined who they are. SJJ graduates know that when you have helped someone and touched his life it makes a world of difference within you. Although many graduates go on to successful careers because of the premier academic education. Jesuit education has always been more about internal formation based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, about the SJJ brotherhood and about becoming a man for others.

See for yourself the opportunities that await young men in grades 6-12 at the SJJ Open House on November 15 from noon to 3 p.m. Conveniently located at 5901 Airport Highway, families are invited to tour with student guides, meet the faculty and staff, experience the fine arts, connect with coaches, learn about Christian Service opportunities, and explore all the leadership programs available for young men. Programs such as:

- A+ Learning Center that is modeled after college learning centers to help students with an overnight assignment or a more comprehensive support system. The learning center is there to help young men be successful.
- College counseling starts right as a young man walks in the front door. The Class of 2015 earned over \$18.2 million in college awards and 83% of the class earned a scholarship.
- A three-year engineering program culminates with the SJJ Ohio State University (OSU) Engineering Class that closely follows of the curriculum of the OSU Introduction to Engineering taught to college freshmen in Columbus. SJJ is one of two schools in Ohio that offers the program.
- The most Advanced Placement (AP) courses in northwest Ohio, 24 AP courses, can lead to college credit.
- The Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy (JVLA), a classroom without walls, is taught by Jesuit school faculty from around the country offering over 25 AP and specialty courses.
- A Freshman Year Life Skills Building Program lays the groundwork for young men's success.
- A Fine Arts Program includes a variety of courses in art and music with AP options.
- A national and international Christian Service Program offers opportunities locally, in Appalachia and Central America. *Each year the SJJ brotherhood volunteers 20,000 hours locally and internationally.*
- Athletics that offers nearly 50 teams in 13 different sports. Titans have captured the TRAC All Sports Championship for three years in a row.
- Only school with the Leadership & Alumni Mentoring Program (LAMP) to provide interested sophomores, juniors and seniors with special career programs and mentors.
- An Academy for grades 6-8 helps boys get a jumpstart on a college-prep high school education.

It's been 50 years since SJJ opened its doors to all boys in 1965 with the gym, auditorium and chapel still under construction. Today, the campus has 54 acres and continues its 50-year mission to educate young men in grades six-12. The academic facilities feature a high school for grades 9-12 with a wing for grades six to eight. The campus includes the dome gym, auxiliary gym, The Lyden Fitness Center, Lyden Field - a state-of-the-art sports

stadium, soccer/lacrosse field, a baseball complex, the McQuade Theatre, Sawicki Family Music Center, the Carty Fox Commons, a food court, the technology wing, the Iott Center that houses the A+ Learning Center and a chapel that seats the entire student body. Families can see it all on Nov. 15 from noon to 3 p.m.

For almost 475 years Jesuit education has been producing tomorrow's leaders in a Christ-centered atmosphere. St. John's Jesuit is part of a network of 63 high schools and 28 colleges in the U.S. and hundreds of institutions

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The Toledo Club of NANBPWC has a Youth Club under the direction of Frances Collins, Ph.D , second vice president and Youth Club advisor. Educational training is provided the youth to help with ways they can also follow the National Program Initiative as well. They have had training on:

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Toledo Club President Denise Black-Poon is a former educator in the Toledo Public Schools system and sees a need to help students. She feels that sometimes a child will perform better and have higher expectations in life if he receives the proper guidance and, from the community, individual help and family.

Proper school supplies, books and financial support are needed to build the foundation but spending time with each child to challenge her mind makes it fun and excites her imagination. Learning then becomes something that she doesn't mind doing.

Black-Poon also says that the Toledo Club supports education from elementary to college years through donations, scholarships, training, workshops, mentoring and anyway possible to help them achieve a better quality of education.



Mt. Nebo Pastor Cedric Brock and Guest Speaker Pastor Roger Carson celebrate Mt. Nebo's 85 Anniversary

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bring paper, pencil or digital media for note taking or potential exercises that may be a part of the evening dialogue. This FREE and open to the public program encourages the participation of all community members.

To participate in optional at home/ pre-class writing exercises and writing prompts for potential inspiration the community is encouraged to join the PRIZM "No Mic Night" email distribution list to receive this information which is generally distributed two weeks prior to each class. Using this plan ahead format, the group successfully manages it's time each meeting to maximize time for peer review. Simply email prizm@bex.net with your name, phone number, and email, with NO MIC NIGHT in the subject line to be added to the communication list.

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What Color is Your Hoodie? Essays on Black Gay Identity by Jarrett Neal

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Some days, it seems as though you have SuperPowers.

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Essays on Black Gay Identity by Jarrett Neal, the reason is not so transparent.

Born to a 14-year-old mother, raised in a household with an alcoholic grandfather, Jarrett Neal was in eighth grade when his gym class accidentally walked in on their coach, showering. It was Neal's first glimpse of a naked man and it "ended my boyhood," he says.

He was well into college when he finally admitted to himself that he was attracted to men; still, the "daily taunts" from his more athletic, more self-confident peers and the absence of a father haunted him for many years. To counteract it, Neal joined a gym and worked out tirelessly, until he realized that he'd never have a body like He-Man. He was never going to make a living with his physique.

Instead, Neal knew that he had to write.

It was "write or die," he says, though he's been told that his style is "either too black or too gay" and he once assumed that "as a boy I wasn't supposed to care about books..." Even so, he devoured the works of gay men – particularly those who were black. That voracity for books led to a teaching career.

In his essays here, Neal discusses the dearth of gay black men in films and television, and he decries the lack of interest by white readers in the works of black authors. He looks at the sexuality of gay black men who, like most African-American men, live under "sexual stereotypes" that cause "a tremendous onus... to live up to..." He writes about black men (some, gay) who have made history

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What Color Is Your Hoodie?

ESSAYS ON BLACK GAY IDENTITY



and changed perceptions within their neighborhoods or industries. And as a black man married to a white man, he notes that racism within the gay community is as big a problem as it is anywhere else.

Author Jarrett Neal is not shy.

There's no waffling inside this book, and nothing held back. Neal discusses gay porn as blithely as he does modern literature; he remembers his childhood with the same passion as he does coming out. Such power and force in writing serves to give readers – straight or gay – a solid understanding of the points he tries to make. We might laugh or raise our eyebrows but we also empathize or, as the case may be, sympathize.

What mars this otherwise well-done collection of essays is its sloppiness. *What Color is Your Hoodie?* is riddled with misspellings and punctuation mistakes which, because of the frequency, almost made me want to quit this book too many times.

If you can forgive that distraction, then this unusual book is a good read that may actually change minds. Truthful, blunt, and thought-provoking, regretful mistakes aside, *What Color is Your Hoodie?* should be seen.



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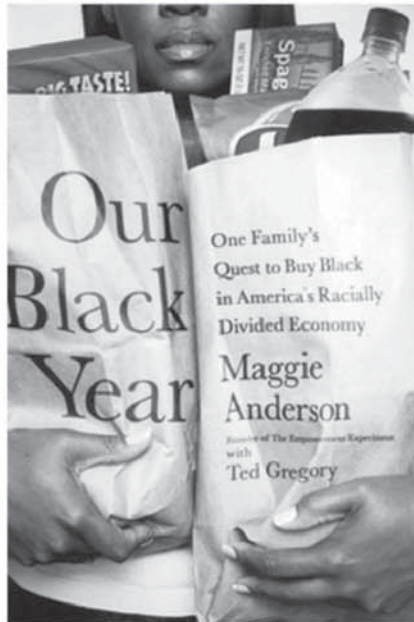
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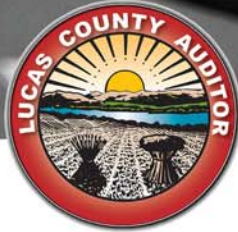
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